



## Levis W. Hayward, Jr.

October 5, 1937 - July 7, 2023

MAYNARD - Levis W. "Bill" Hayward, Jr. 85, passed away peacefully on July 7, 2023, in the Life Care Center of Acton.

He was born in Worcester on October 5, 1937, the son of the late Levis W. and Lillian (Ryberg) Hayward. Levis graduated from Worcester Academy in 1955 and furthered his education at Clark University and Worcester State College, where he earned a Masters Degree in Education.

After college he was employed by the Worcester Foundation for experimental biology. He then taught math and biology at Nashoba Regional High School in Bolton before embarking on a lengthy career in textbook sales for several publishing companies.

Levis was a member of Siloam Masonic Lodge in Westborough and a founding member of the Northborough Rotary Club. He was also a member of the Northborough Lion`s Club where he served as past president.

Levis was predeceased by his former wife Susan Hayward in 1997 and by his current wife Linda (Gelinas) Hayward in 2022. Bill and Linda lived for many years in Ft. Myers, Florida during which time he belonged to the Araba Shrine where he was an active fundraiser for the Shriner`s children`s charities, most notably as the beloved parade clown, "Rippy Toes."

Levis is survived by his children Melanie Hayward of Jefferson, MA and Jonathan Hayward and wife Kimberly of Matthews, NC; grandchildren, Jaime McNamara, Ashley Noyst, Alyson Martin, Jacob Hayward and Tyler Hayward; stepdaughters, Tara Barrett, Tanya Robideau and Tiffany Mosca, and their extended families. Levis is also survived by his stepson Edward Flanagan, his sister Linda Roehl, and former wife Sharon Foust.

A calling hour will be held at Isabelle and Anderson Funeral Home 316 Clarendon St. Fitchburg on Friday July 14, 11:00am-12:00pm. A funeral service will be held at noon at the funeral home. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery with prayers of Committal in the Pieta Chapel.

The family invites everyone to join them for a celebration of life at 2:00 at the Northborough American Legion Post 0234, 402 West Main St. in Northborough.

As an alternative to flowers, donations may be made to the Shriner's Childrens Hospital. ([donate.lovetotherescue.org](http://donate.lovetotherescue.org))

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph's Cemetery

Fitchburg, MA

# Previous Events

## Calling Hour

JUL 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home  
316 Clarendon St  
Fitchburg, MA

## Funeral Service

JUL 14. 12:00 PM.

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316 Clarendon St  
Fitchburg, MA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Levis W. Hayward, Jr..*



July 13, 2023 at 12:07 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Levis W. Hayward, Jr..*



July 13, 2023 at 11:53 AM



“ *Sorry to read of Bill's passing. I was one of his school customers who always enjoyed our visits and conversations. He was more than a great salesman in treating everyone with respect and attentive to their needs. Tom Noonan*

**Tom Noonan** - July 12, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Levis W. Hayward, Jr..*

July 11, 2023 at 04:29 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Levis W. Hayward, Jr..*



July 11, 2023 at 04:29 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Levis W. Hayward, Jr..*



July 11, 2023 at 12:38 PM



“ *Bill was one-of-kind I shall always remember him as a wonderful neighbor, a man who always had a warm smile, loved a good party, was a sports fan who celebrated our trips to Foxborough to cheer on his Patriots, knew how to make a story come alive, loved the way he made his living, was a solid supporter of the organizations he was a part. He was, in short, a man with an unforgettable personality. Peace, Melanie and Jonathan and to all his family members.*

**Don Cookson** - July 11, 2023 at 10:47 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Levis W. Hayward, Jr..*



July 11, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Hayward Family. So very sorry for your loss.*

*I will certainly miss him. He was the best brother-in-law anyone could wish for. You knew you had his complete attention when you spoke. He was always interested in hearing about your life experiences. We talked about a variety of things.*

*I will cherish my visits with him in Acton. I will never look at a Milky Way Bar again without smiling and thinking of him. He liked the cheese & crackers, Coffee Ice Cream, fresh fruit and a large coke. He was so appreciative.*

*He made Linda so happy!*

*Rest In Peace Bill....Love You, Janet*

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**Janet Gelinias Slome** - July 10, 2023 at 10:41 PM